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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2017

TO: Michigan Educational Grant System *Plus* (MEGS+) Authorized Officials,
Agencies Eligible for Section 41 Bilingual Grant

FROM: Mike Radke, Director 
Office of Field Services

SUBJECT: State Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant Information

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to inform you of the State Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant to fund bilingual programs. The Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant is not new to the students of the State of Michigan, but the eligibility for funding has changed dramatically through the last legislative process.

Beginning with the 2017-18 funding year, eligible students must be English Learners who have been assessed using the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) for English Learners 2.0 or WIDA Access for English Learners assessment with a composite score of 2.9 or lower. Also new for this grant program, a Section 41 Bilingual Grant Report will be required. This report will be due to MDE no later than July 15, 2018 and is required to ensure funding for future Section 41 Bilingual Grant allocations. Failure to submit this report by the July 15, 2018 due date will result in loss of funds to the LEA. This report will be developed and available through the MEGS+ program in Spring 2018.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) applying for Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant funds are required to verify the count of students entered in the MEGS+ application for the categories of 1.9 and less and 2.0-2.9. For each eligible student identified, the proposed amount per student is \$620 (1.9 or less) or \$410 (2.0-2.9) per student. (If the number of students to be funded exceeds the funds allocated by the legislature, MDE will prorate the allocation on an equal percentage basis as intended by the legislation.) The count of students will be provided by the Office of Assessment and Accountability based on the scores earned in the most recent WIDA test window (Spring 2017).

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After MDE releases the initial allocations, LEAs can submit a plan description and budget for the 2017-18 Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant application in MEGS+. The initial grant application will be due by Friday, October 13, 2017. After the October 13, 2017 application submission deadline, MDE will calculate and announce final allocations.

Please direct questions regarding the Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant to Kelly Alvarez, Title III Consultant, in the Office of Field Services at 517-373-6066 or by e-mail at Alvarezk@michigan.gov or Dr. Shereen Tabrizi, Manager, Special Populations Unit, at TabriziS@michigan.gov.

Questions regarding the MEGS+ application may be directed to Tammy Franks, Departmental Analyst, at FranksT1@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-335-0352.